

X. Do not confuse the Church and Israel

For, Israel will exist as a nation as long as there is a sun, a moon, and stars and for as long as one cannot measure creation.

Jeremiah 31:35-37

Isaiah 66:22

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We must not merge Israel and the Church, or forget even the purposes of God as to the earth, in higher and heavenly ones. The true revelation to interpret prophecy can only be found therefore, not in self-imagined canons, but by having before one the great promises of God, remembering how He challenges every thought of their undoing, especially with regard to Israel, His people (Jeremiah 31:35,36), and that, even as to the new heaven and the new earth (Isaiah 66:22). Thus, an interpretation of Revelation which practically, if not theoretically, leaves Israel out, cannot have the needed largeness, cannot give us the mind of God...

(Some interpretations of the Book of Revelation thus)...fall, each by itself deficient in its narrowness of vision....

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...Thus, the Jews are manifestly before us in all this....

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...The future before the world is largely, alas, made up of judgment, although it is true that the judgment is for a blessing which lies beyond it, and which is as bright as God can make it. Yet the judgment is emphatically a judgment of the world as it is, a judgment in which the whole present fashion of it passes away; and how important that we should know *why* it should pass away, and now to apprehend the mind of God with regard to that which He is going to judge! In this way prophecy is of the most practical nature, and a grand help to real holiness; that is, to a separation from evil which necessarily is found in fellowship with Him. If there are things with which finally it will be seen that he cannot allow to go on, then how clearly this must enter into our present estimate of them!...

...God's moral ways...the end will perfectly bring them out....